

December 2009

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Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Newsletter



Notes from the Council Table

Qaxtna!

As you may be aware, the Tribal Council has experienced a "reorganization" due to the recent vacancy in the Tribal Chairman's seat. In accordance with Article VI, Section 6 of the Chitimacha Tribal Constitution, the Tribal Council filled the vacancy by the appointment of John Paul Darden as Tribal Chairman. Council member Jules Darden was then appointed to fill the vacancy of Vice-Chairman and Peggy Gaddy to fulfill the unexpired term of the Council member position. It is the Council's desire to ensure the Tribal membership that we will continue to represent the Tribe's best interest and promote prosperity for the Tribe through a united effort.

In other news, we would like to update everyone on several developments that have taken place since the last Newsletter distribution including: the constitutional amendment proposing a choice of amending the Tribal membership blood quantum standard to lineal descendancy, The Innovation Group study, Raintree Market, the TSOJ roadway reconstruction project and the recent acquisition of the Henry Thomas Estate.

Constitutional Amendment. As previously reported, a proposition for changing the existing minimal one-sixteenth ($1/16^{\text{th}}$) degree Chitimacha Indian blood requirement to a lineal descendancy standard with no blood quantum requirement has been forwarded to the Department of the Interior seeking their approval to conduct the required Secretarial Election. Although we have not received that approval yet, something has occurred which reinforces the importance of this proposition; particularly, the first known candidate for Tribal membership that would meet a $1/32^{\text{nd}}$ degree blood fraction has been born. We feel this is a very crucial fact for everyone to be aware of, as well as, to further emphasize that this is not an issue that is a "problem" for future generations. It is facing us today.

The Innovation Group. A meeting between the Tribal Council, Casino Management and the Innovation Group was held on November 5, 2009 to review the findings that the Innovation Group had concluded from their studies of the existing Casino operations and the potential for expansion, inclusive of a hotel and additional retail outlets. Representatives of the Innovation Group will be present at our upcoming January General Meeting to give a presentation to the General Council of their findings.

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Raintree Market. The design consultant has received comments from the State Fire Marshal's office which have been implemented into the construction documents for the building construction. Also, the construction drawings for the roadways and parking areas component of the project have been reviewed by the BIA and all remaining documents required to proceed with bidding, and finally construction, are being compiled for final submittal and approval. The roadway and parking areas will be paid with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

Also, the Baldwin Town Council has approved the use of remaining bond proceeds for utility improvements within Raintree Village to finance water and gas mains required to service this facility. Further discussion with the Baldwin Mayor will occur shortly to begin this process and have these improvements set in place.

The Tribe has also been approached by another lender that would like an opportunity to present financing options for the Raintree Market facility. The Council is awaiting their proposal for further consideration.

Reconstruction of Tunica Drive, Seminole Drive, Oneida Street and Jena Street (TSOJ). This project is proceeding as planned with the Contractor, Phylway Construction, having completed approximately 30% of the related work. The installation of the drainage structures are nearing completion and construction of the curbs and gutters should begin shortly; possibly, at the beginning of the New Year.

This project is being funded entirely through federal dollars including a \$1 million award through the Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) High Priority Project (HPP) program with the remaining balance subsidized from the Tribe's allocation of Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) funds for this year, also provided through the BIA.

Acquisition of the Henry Thomas Estate. This property has been on the radar screen of the Tribe for decades. The Council is more than pleased to announce that this goal has finally come to fruition. The Tribe closed on the purchase of this property on December 7th. This property is located along Chitimacha Trail which consists of approximately 3 acres bounded to the south by the Rivercane facility and to the north by Chitimacha Trail, in addition to, approximately 5.2 acres of bayou side property directly across the street. Once all appropriate documentation is prepared, the Tribe will file a land into trust application with the BIA to include this property within the Reservation land inventory.

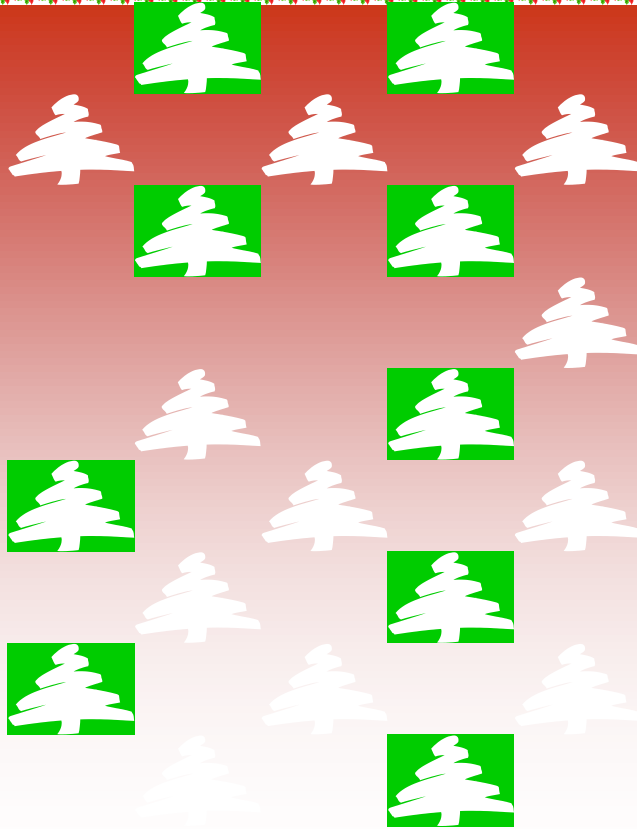
The January General Meeting has been set for January 23, 2009 at the Tribal School Gym beginning at 12:00 P.M. The agenda will consist of reports of the financials for the Tribal government and enterprises, in addition to, project updates as usual. We hope to see you there!

Nito,

Your Tribal Council



ON BEHALF OF
THE TRIBAL
COUNCIL & ALL
THE TRIBAL STAFF
MERRY
CHRISTMAS &
HAPPY NEW
YEAR!



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL COUNCIL'S CONTACT INFORMATION

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DUE TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE NEWSLETTER ON THE WEBSITE AND THE OCCASIONAL SENSATIVE NATURE OF TRIBAL BUSINESS, THIS MONTH, WE HAVE STARTED POSTING ONLY THE RESOLUTION NUMBERS AND TOPICS.

FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS, THE FULL RESOLUTIONS ARE AVAILABLE UPON WRITTEN REQUEST TO JILL LOUVIERE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; OR PEGGY GADDY, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. YOU MAY MAIL YOUR REQUEST TO P.O. BOX 661, CHARENTON, LA 70523 OR THROUGH E-MAIL: jill@chitimacha.gov or peggy@chitimacha.gov

A CONFIDENTIALITY ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM WILL BE REQUIRED TO RELEASE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION. THE FORM CAN BE MAILED OR E-MAILED TO YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION WITH THIS MATTER.

Resolutions for the Month of October

- Resolution CHI-TC #48-09 Sheriff Services**
- Resolution CHI-TC #49-09 2010 USET Contract**
- Resolution CHI-TC #50-09 2010 Oral Health Prevention Dental Program Grant**
- Resolution CHI-TC #51-09 FY 2010 Year 13 Diabetes Grant**
- Resolution CHI-TC #52-09 Waiver of the Covenant Violation by Whitney National Bank**
- Resolution CHI-TC #53-09 Authorization for Employees to conduct business with First National Bank of Jeanerette**
- Resolution CHI-TC #54-09 Retention of Innovation Group to Present Report to RAM**
- Resolution CHI-TC #55-09 Authorized Signers on Bank Accounts**

Resolutions for the Month of November

- Resolution CHI-TC #56-09 (Tabled)**
- Resolution CHI-TC#57-09 Authorization to Create the New Raintree Market Corporation / Approval of Articles of Incorporation**
- Resolution CHI-TC #58-09 Authorization for Raintree Market to Commence Business**
- Resolution CHI-TC #59-09 Nicole Buranzon – St. Mary Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**
- Resolution CHI-TC #60-09 Cypress Bayou Casino Budget Approval**
- Resolution CHI-TC #61-09 Procedure for Article V(C) Hearings**

News from Chitimacha Fire Protection

Rick Cook, Fire Chief



Activities

This quarter the department personnel conducted Fire Hydrant Maintenance for accessibility and for fire flow requirements. In the event that a hydrant is deficient due to operational standards or an inadequate water flow, the hydrant is flagged out of service with the results formally forwarded to the water district plant for services. Fire Extinguisher inspections were conducted throughout the district occupancies. Monthly Fire, seasonal Tornado Drills and a School Bus Evacuation drill were also conducted. The School Bus Evacuation Drill teaches drivers and students to safely evacuate the bus from either exit as needed. During October and November the Annual Fire Prevention activities were conducted at our area learning facilities. In early 2010, the department is planning to begin conducting these fire prevention activities each month through scheduled events at our learning and administrative facilities, which will also include the elderly population.

Training

Conducted during the departments monthly meetings and training drills;

- 1). In September Brian Tauzin of the La. State Fire Marshal Office conducted a class on Fire Cause Determination.

In October, November and December Louisiana State University Fire Training Academy conducted and instructed the following structural firefighter classes;

- 2). Deploying and utilizing Ground and Aerial Ladders.
- 3). Firefighter Survival training involving Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.
- 4). Firefighter Survival Techniques, involving personnel entering maze training prop in total darkness with full turnout gear. This required training is designed to maintain firefighter awareness in the event that we are needed to enter a smoke filled structure to rescue trapped victims.

In November, employees Earl Tyler and Clearance Clark attended an 80 hour, two week Apparatus Driver/Pump Operator class at the LSU Fire Training Institute. This class involved apparatus driving, safety, maintenance, and issues pertaining to the component of fire pump hydraulics.

Also in December, personnel attended a class on Abused Pharmaceutical Substances by the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators sponsored by the Chitimacha Police.

Notices

The Chitimacha Fire Protection Volunteer Division has accepted the following members; Roy Dwyer, Josh Wyatt and Jeff Hildreth. These members bring a wealth of training and experience to our department and we are looking forward to their service to our community.

All of us at Chitimacha Fire Protection owe thanks to the Chitimacha Tribal Government for allowing these opportunities to be possible.

Emergency and Public Service Responses from 12/1/2008 – 11/30/2009
Total @ 360.

“Prevention is our Intention”



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL POLICE NEWS



NOVEMBER 2009

For the month of November 2009 the following traffic citations were issued—four for speeding and two for operating a vehicle without a drivers license.

18 verbal warnings were given for various traffic violations.

The following arrests were logged for November 2009:

- 11-03-09 One female arrested for speeding and driving under suspension.
- 11-05-09 One male arrested for remaining where forbidden, possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- 11-12-09 One male arrested for criminal trespassing and resisting an officer by flight.
- 11-14-09 One female arrested for remaining where forbidden and resisting an officer.
- 11-20-09 One male arrested for simple battery.
- 11-21-09 Two males arrested for disturbing the peace by fighting.
- 11-22-09 One male arrested for criminal trespassing, resisting an officer, possession of alcohol by a person under 21, and unlawful playing of a gaming device by a person under 21.
- 11-23-09 One male arrested for theft and simple burglary.
- 11-27-09 One male arrested for criminal trespassing.
- 11-28-09 One male arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- 11-28-09 One male arrested for criminal trespassing and unlawful playing of a gaming device by a person under 21.

Congratulations to Employee of the Year Nominees—Communications Officer Bobbi Brown was nominated by her supervisor and Chief of Police Blaise Smith, Captain Ellen Hebert, Lieutenant Brian Millet, and Communications Officers Gloria Loston and Ebony Wise were nominated through the Gold Star program for the quarter July to September 2009.

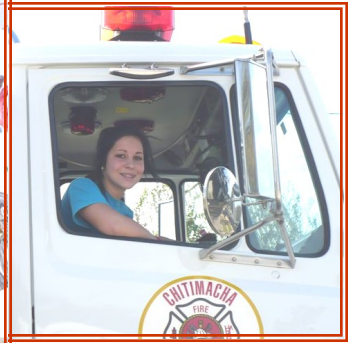




On October 19, 2009, children under the care of Chez Hope Family Violence Crisis Center came to the Chitimacha Police Department and delivered Hershey's Kisses to the officers on duty, as part of the activities in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This program is called Kiss-A-cop and each officer was presented a special Hershey's Kisses gift as a token of appreciation for their services. The photo shows from left to right Officers Jake Darden, Gary Dantin and Joe Garrison receiving their gifts from the children.



On October 24, Red Ribbon Drug Free Week started with Operation Red Light. A motorcade of emergency vehicles travelled through St. Mary Parish, beginning in Amelia and ending at the Chitimacha Tribal School gym. Chief of Police, Blaise Smith, headed up the organizing of the motorcade and it turned out to be the biggest one in the 22 year history of the program. Participants that took part in and supported the motorcade were treated to lunch at the school gym. Our thanks to our friends at Cypress Bayou Casino for providing the meal. The photo shows all the participants from different agencies and organizations that took part in the motorcade.



**JUST
SAY
NO!**



On October 28, 2009, the Chitimacha Tribal School held its annual Drug Free Parade. The staff and students along with the Human Services Department, the Chitimacha Police and Fire Protection



participated in promoting this worthy cause. The day was gorgeous and all had fun!





CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

First Nine Weeks Renaissance Program



Award Winners:

Principal's List:

5th Grade: Peyton Trahan

Honor Roll:

1st Grade: AnaLaysha Burgess
Dominic Crochet
McKayla Higgins
Amber Mora
Benedicto Paulino

2nd Grade: Malikai Hebert
Julian Mire
Tyler Rogers
Kassidy Talbot
Breyonna Verret

3rd Grade: Maiya Darby
Nina Darden
Drake Pontiff
Khloe Walden

4th Grade: Conner Anderson
Tayla Bernauer
Mason Gaddy
McKayla Higgins
Dynah Sedatol

5th Grade: Kymberlin Landry
Nickolas Salisbury
Amanda Vilcan

7th Grade: Kati Martin

8th Grade: Erica Compton
Katie Vilcan
Victoria Vilcan

Good Conduct:

Kindergarten: Xani Brown
Emily Darden
Koryn Hebert
Achilles Mire
Billy Mora
Madison Parro
Avari Ridgedell
Isaiah Rojas
Jeremiah Rojas
Riley Trahan

Good Conduct continued...

1st Grade: Dominic Crochet
Bryce Demarco
McKayla Higgins
Amber Mora
Ethan Vilcan

2nd Grade: Evan Frederick
Celsey Mora
Tyler Rogers
Daniel Sisk
Kassidy Talbot
Breyonna Verret

3rd Grade: MaKenzie Broussard
Maiya Darby
Dymond Darden
Kimberly Darden
Nina Darden
Savannah Guillory
Drake Pontiff
Joshua Rojas
Marylou Rojas
Miguel Sanchez
Khloe Walden

4th Grade: Conner Anderson
Tayla Bernauer
Austin Burgess
Hannah Butaud
Mason Gaddy
McKayla Higgins
Dynah Sedatol

5th Grade: Meghan Baham
Raine Darden
Rachell Haire
Kymberlin Landry
Peyton Trahan
Amanda Vilcan
Toni Vilcan

6th Grade: Trent Darden
Caylin Moneaux
Cheyenne Rojas

7th Grade: Colby Darden
Sarah Guillory
Caleb Higgins

Good Conduct continued...

Kati Martin
Tommie Poirrier
Reid Simoneaux
8th Grade: Jovan Anderson
Erica Compton
Bailey Hebert
Trae' Kitchens
Kaitlyn Landry
Katie Vilcan
Victoria Vilcan

Perfect Attendance:

Kindergarten: Billy Mora
Isaiah Rojas
Jeremiah Rojas
1st Grade: Dominic Crochet
Jacob Mora
Landon Pontiff
2nd Grade: Brook Burgess
Jasmine Derouen
Evan Frederick
Daniel Sisk
Breyonna Verret
3rd Grade: Joshua Rojas
4th Grade: Hannah Butaud
McKayla Higgins
Dynah Sedatol
5th Grade: Bishop Boutte
Toni Vilcan
7th Grade: Kale Delcambre
Caleb Higgins
Kati Martin

**CONGRATATIONS,
STUDENTS AND PARENTS
on a job well done!**

**Staff and
Students
return to
school on
January 4th, 2010**

CHILD SEARCH

If you know of any handicapped individuals between the ages of birth to 21 years of age who are not receiving educational services, contact Lee Ann LeBlanc, Special Education Teacher or Tanya Rosamond, Principal at the Chitimacha Tribal School, 337-923-9960.

WHAT IS A GOOD REASON TO CALL?

A child may have:

- a very low birth weight
- a genetic condition
- dropped out of school

A child may have trouble:

- talking
- seeing
- hearing
- moving
- thinking

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

With the consent of the parent(s)/legal guardian, the Tribal School system will arrange for a complete evaluation. If the individual is handicapped and in need of special services, the parent(s)/legal guardian and the local school system personnel will make decisions together, taking into account the age and needs of the individual in order to provide a free, appropriate education of Native Americans.

There's no Place like Cypress Bayou Casino and Shorty's

December 2009



EMPLOYEE UPDATE

Employee Development

2010 will be an exciting year for employee development at Cypress Bayou Casino. The Casino has partnered with Raving Consulting Company to provide a valuable learning experience for all employees. Raving Consulting Company has worked with hundreds of casinos across the globe. They will be delivering a 12-month training program designed to teach employees new guest service skills enabling them to provide exceptional service to our guests and keep them coming back for more. Raving programs are unlike any other because they are extremely interactive, highly energetic, and just plain fun!

Employee Tribal Promotions

Congratulations to **Steven Burgess** who was promoted to Steakhouse Manager. Steven began his career with CBC in January 1998 as a Beverage Barback. He transferred to the Steakhouse in 1998 and has held the positions of Bartender, Server Assistant, Server and Server Trainer in the department. He has also participated in the F&B Management Trainee Program at Cypress Bayou. Steven's experience with multiple positions in the department will prove to be invaluable as he assumes this leadership role.

Congratulations to **Matt Richard** who was recently promoted to Surveillance Supervisor. Matt was hired with Cypress Bayou Casino in May of 2006 as a Surveillance Agent. He has had some training in Food & Beverage Management and has attended several leadership development classes. Matt came to CBC with seven years of prior management experience as well as a degree in Management from U.L.

Congratulations to **Ashley Boudreaux** who was recently promoted to Financial Analyst in the Accounting Department. Ashley received a degree in Finance from U.L. and was hired in the Steakhouse in August of 2004. She began working in the Accounting Department one year later and has held the positions of Accounting Clerk and Accounts Payable Clerk. Her combined experience has prepared her well for the Analyst position.

FOOD & BEVERAGE UPDATE

Restaurants

Café Bayou continues to offer the Dozen Fried Shrimp dinner on Mondays and Tuesdays for \$6.95 and as of December 6th this promotion has been extended to Sundays.

New menus have been implemented in the past several months in Mr. Lester's Steakhouse, RIKRAK, and Loco Mexican Grill and Cantina. We are constantly striving to present the tastiest, most innovative dishes possible for our customers and over 6 months of research and development were put into developing the new menus. The feedback from the customers has been positive, as they are able to still enjoy their "favorites" while also experiencing the new and exciting dishes that have been added.

Beverage

In addition to cocktail service on the gaming floor, there is also a Beverage Cart that is utilized on weekends and holidays. Bottled water and bottled beer, specifically Coors Light and Bud Light, are served from the cart to customers who are playing slots and table games. This has helped improve cocktail service for our customers and between 4000 and 7000 bottles per month are being served from the Beverage Cart.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE

Pavilion

January 8 – The Family Stone (Ticketmaster \$20.00 General Admission Seating)

January 16 – Travis Tritt (Ticketmaster \$30.00 Reserved Seating)

A complete listing of entertainment for all of the venues can be found at www.cypressbayou.com.

Health Department News

Wishing you Good Health!

Madeline Phelps



Best Wishes to Ann Olds on her retirement! Ann, thank you for a great job! You will be missed by everyone at the Health Department!

With Ann's retirement there will be some changes at the Health Department; Pam Thibodeaux has moved to the position of biller & coordinator for alternate resources. Brittany Martin has moved to CHS assistant & will be working with Millie for CHS/I.H.S. services. **Congratulations Pam & Brittany!**

Please join me in congratulating Brandy Martin as our new office assistant! We are in the process of training for all of these positions, and we appreciate your understanding during this time. Welcome to the Health Department Brandy!

Registration Update: Please help us keep up-to-date records and inform Brandy of any changes in insurance, address, or telephone number. Call Brandy @ 923-9955, Ext. 3001.

Contract Health Service - Services obtained off-site. Referral required for off-site services. A "purchase order" form must be obtained from the Health Department (I.H.S./CHS) office for each & every visit to a healthcare provider prior to visit. Individuals with private insurance or Medicare must obtain purchase order if you are requesting that I.H.S./CHS pay the balance. Emergency Services: you have seventy-two (72) hours to notify the health department in the case of emergency visit. Report to Millie @ 337-923-9955, Ext. 3004.

Alternate Resource: Health Care Resources other than those of the Indian Health Service. Example: Medicare, Medicaid, or Private Insurance.

Should a client meet the eligibility guidelines to qualify for an alternate resource, clients will be required to apply for that resource if available and accessible. Failure to apply when contacted by clinic staff may result in denial of services.

Contact Pam (Medicaid Enrollment Representative): 337-923-9955 for more information. Pam is available to assist you in completion of the Medicaid application process.

- ◆ Once Medicaid is approved, the Medicaid office will re-certify your case periodically.
 - ◆ It is client responsibility to respond to requests made by the Medicaid Office
- Report/provide the following to Pam:**
- ◆ Report any changes in Medicaid status to Pam
 - ◆ Bring documentation of denial or changes in Medicaid status

Pharmacy: Please call for refills 4-5 days in advance. **When calling in prescription please leave the prescription number, name of medication & your telephone number. Reminder:** Check your prescription bottle when calling for refills; if **no** refills contact your doctor's office to request a new prescription.

Judith's Diabetic Corner

Judith Dupuis, Dietician, Certified Diabetes Educator

Fighting diabetes together!

Contact Judith on Wednesdays @ 337-923-9955, ext. 3011



Do you have diabetes? Let's look at the symptoms!

The symptoms of type 1 diabetes (insulin dependent) may be similar to type 2 (noninsulin dependent). With pre-diabetes there may be only the fasting blood glucose test of 100 – 125mg/dl. Type 2 diabetes is possible if the blood glucose is greater than 126. Some people with diabetes can go for some time without a proper diagnosis and could potentially have complications.

About 22 years ago I found out how nearly devastating diabetes can be. My daughter who was only 11 at the time developed type 1 diabetes. For 6 -8 weeks my husband and I would see her have nearly all the symptoms listed below, but did not know why. By the time she was diagnosed she had lost 1/3 of her body weight and her blood sugar was 780mg/dl. After this life changing event I decided to become a dietitian and diabetes educator.

Symptoms of diabetes include:

- Extreme thirst
- Hunger especially for sweets
- Frequent urination (getting up during the night)
- Blurred vision
- Dry or itchy skin
- Frequent infections
- Sore that takes a long time to heal
- Numbness or tingling in the hands or feet
- Tiredness or lack of energy
- Weight loss (usually with type 1 diabetes but can occur with type2)
- Blurred vision

	Fasting Plasma Glucose Test (FPG) (otherwise known as fasting blood sugar)
Normal	Below 100 mg/dl
Pre-diabetes	100-125 mg/dl (IFG)
Diabetes	126 mg/dl or above

Chart taken from: National Diabetes Education Program and American Diabetes Association. Diabetes Care 2007; 30;(Suppl.1):S4-41

Recreation Newsletter

December 2009

ChitFit Bootcamp: Bootcamp still has a determined few that have persevered. We know it is hard to fulfill your fitness needs with the rush of the holiday season. But remember your health and wellness need attention also. Try to find time to join us for workouts. We're still working out Mondays through Thursdays at 4:30 PM, at the school gym and we'll email if changes occur. These days will need to change briefly for the basketball season beginning in January.

Volleyball: Now that volleyball is finished, we wanted to thank our coach, Ms. Lauren Griffith for the extra time she put in with the multiple teams. This assured our younger players more experience. Our 2009 Girls' Volleyball Team is pictured.



Basketball: Registration and coaches meeting have just finished. We have a total of 28 teams to schedule games between two gyms. With this many kids needing to play, we must strictly enforce game times to ensure that your kids get home at a reasonable time. We understand that your child's playing time is very important.

For this reason, we put the minimum amount of kids on a team to maximize your child's playing time. We will play Jr. High games on Mondays in Jeanerette at St. Joe and Thursdays at Chitimacha. Grades K-6th will play games on Mondays and Tuesdays at Chitimacha and Wednesdays and Thursdays in Jeanerette at St. Joe.

We realize that it is not as convenient to drive to Jeanerette but we need St. Joe's gym space to allow all the different age groups to participate. Thank you in advance for going the extra miles for your children. Basketball season will take us through the end of January.

At this time we are in the final stages of completing basketball schedules. If you would like a comprehensive schedule, just give us a call and we'll email you one. You can also drop by the Recreation Department to pick one up at your convenience.

Flag Football: Football brings out multiples of young boys looking to experience their first football games. With so many kids interested in playing, finding coaches has proved to be a difficult task. Therefore we would like to say a special thanks to our Tribal dads who volunteered their time to coach. They are as follows: Jay Trahan, Mark Leger, and Steve Cole. You guys were awesome! A few of the teams are pictured.



Surveys: Thanks so much for the time you spent filling out our surveys. The information helps us to improve and plan for changes in the upcoming years. Although all your input is important, there are some things that we cannot change. Due to the many different programs we offer, it is not feasible to extend the seasons longer than we have now. To address the times that we play, it is based on the number of teams and age groups needed to allow all of our participants adequate playing time and still get home at a reasonable time on school nights. We try our best not to start too early but at times we are unable to avoid this. We can assure you that the decisions we make are intended for your child's best interest.

Upcoming: February will bring initial training for Track and Field. At this time we are not sure about our baseball plans; although we will once again offer Wiffle and T-Ball.

Be sure to glance at the marquis for the latest information in Recreation.

TRIBAL COURT NEWS

Carrie D. Saucier, Clerk of Court



During the months of September, November, and December, court activity was at its highest level in years. Jury subpoenas were mailed out to seventy-five (75) Tribal members over the age of eighteen (18) registered to vote to appear before the court to serve as potential jurors.

The jury trial was continued to allow the parties an opportunity to proceed to settlement with all potential jurors provided notice of same.

On November 2nd, 2009, the Chitimacha Tribal Council authorized Title I, Courts and Title IV, Civil Procedure, of the Chitimacha Comprehensive Codes of Justice to be published with a deadline of November 30th being set for Public Comment and a result of same, sixty-two (62) comments were made. The results were reviewed prior to final approval by Ordinance #02-09 on December 3rd, 2009 by Chitimacha Tribal Council. Also approved by this Ordinance was authorization for Greg Waguespack, Information Systems Director to post the newly amended Title I, Courts and Title IV, Civil Procedure on the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana website for public view.

On November 17, 2009, one (1) civil tort matter and one (1) workers' compensation matter were scheduled and heard before the Chitimacha Tribal Court of Appeals. Final decision on both cases is still pending at this time.

On December 2, 2009, Chitimacha Tribal Police Department hosted a Pharmaceutical Diversion Training at Tribal Courts' Building. Various Tribal Department staff members were present at this training, including court staff.

On December 3rd, Hon. Cameron B. Simmons, Chief Judge, on behalf of Chitimacha Tribal Courts officiated Oaths of Office at the regularly scheduled Council Meeting. John Paul Darden, was sworn in as Chairman, Jules M. Darden, as Vice-Chairman, and Peggy Gaddy as Councilman.

I am proud to announce that Chitimacha Tribal Courts participated in the Court Review conducted by Coochise Consulting, L.L.C. the week of December 1st through December 4th. During this period, interviews were conducted of all essential court personnel and a review of record keeping and files were also conducted. An exit meeting was held with Tribal Council, Administration, Chief Judge and Clerk of Court with an outstanding report given regarding same.

CURRENT COURT STATISTICS:

NOVEMBER CASES: (24)

14 Civil Actions (14 Garnishments)

07 Domestic (5 Petition for Disbursement of Funds/1 Petition for Divorce/1 Petition for Visitation)

2 Traffic (2 CV TR Infractions)

0 Juvenile

0 Criminal

1 Probate (1) Pet. For Appointment of Administratrix and Authority)

MORTGAGES AND LIENS: (1)

1 Assignment/Lien

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS: (1)

1 Marriage License

**TOTAL ACTIONS PROCESSED IN
NOVEMBER, 2009
(26)**

COURT SESSIONS:

TRIBAL COURT: NOVEMBER

Seven (7) matters were scheduled to be heard for jury trials on **November 2, 2009**. Four (4) matters were continued, two (2) matters were settled prior to trial and one (1) matter was dismissed.

(03) TORT

(04) CRIMINAL

Tribal Court conducted **one (1)** regular session on **November 10, 2009**, at which time **eighteen (18)** matters were scheduled to be heard. One (1) matter was continued until a later date and one (1) matter was cancelled.

- (07) DOMESTIC
- (06) TRAFFIC
- (02) CRIMINAL TRAFFIC
- (02) JUVENILE
- (01) CRIMINAL

The next regular session is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, December 15, 2009**, with open sessions beginning at **10:00 a.m.**

Anyone interested in becoming a Lay Advocate to represent individuals in various court matters, please contact Carrie D. Saucier, Clerk of Court to receive information.

As always, if you would like any further information regarding the Chitimacha Tribal Courts, please feel free to contact the Court at **(337) 923-7806**; or come by anytime. We are located at 343 Navarro Street, Post Office Box 610, Chitimacha Reservation, Charenton, Louisiana. Our regular office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

***Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!***



(Pictured at left) Hon. Cameron B. Simmons, Chief Judge officiating the Oath of Office to John Paul Darden, sworn in as Chairman.

(Pictured at right) Hon. Cameron B. Simmons, Chief Judge officiating the Oath of Office to Jules M. Darden, sworn in as Vice-Chairman.



(Pictured at left) Hon. Cameron B. Simmons, Chief Judge officiating the Oath of Office to Peggy Gaddy, sworn in as Councilman.

**CHITIMACHA
GENERAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY,
JANUARY 23, 2010**

@ 12:00 NOON

**CHITIMACHA TRIBAL
SCHOOL GYM**

Scholarship Students please notice:

**Please arrive at the Scholarship Office at
8:00 a.m. for the General Meeting**

**If you have any questions, please contact the
Scholarship Office at
337-923-2463 or 1-866-936-2654**

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Senior Director

SUMMARY OF DUTIES:

- * Oversees and manages assigned staff located at Rivercane.
- * Oversees purchasing, preparation and delivery of food to the seniors.
- * Notifies health care professionals, social service workers or other appropriate service providers concerning issues surrounding the welfare of the seniors.
- * Responds to questions or complaints by staff and addresses any issues or concerns by seniors.
- * Responsible for overseeing the maintenance, repair and upkeep of the Rivercane facility.
- * Develops and/or implements departmental policies, procedures and developmental activities.
- * Responsible for identifying funding needs, revenue sources and budget development; assists in the preparation of grant applications and maintaining compliance with budgetary and/or grant funding requirements.

QUALIFICATIONS:

A high school diploma or GED AND four (4) years of relevant program management, senior and/or assisted living, customer service or closely related experience that included one (1) year of management and/or supervision.

- Preference will be given to qualified Native Americans.
- Subject to pre-employment and random drug testing.
- A background investigation will be required.

To Apply: View our website www.chitimacha.gov, or visit the Human Resources Department at 105 Houma Drive, Charenton, LA.

Deadline to apply: January 08, 2010

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

SUBSTITUTE WORKERS NEEDED

Yaamahana / Chitimacha Child Development Center is currently seeking substitute workers to assist in providing care to infants through 4-year olds.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Responsible for maintaining a warm and nurturing environment that meets the needs of each child. Assists in carrying out a developmentally appropriate curriculum. Maintains positive relationships with parents.

QUALIFICATIONS:

High school diploma, or equivalent. Must be 18 years or older. Enjoys working with children.

- * **MUST HAVE A PRE-EMPLOYMENT PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.**
- * **PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO QUALIFIED NATIVE AMERICANS.**
- * **A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION WILL BE REQUIRED.**
- * **SUBJECT TO PRE-EMPLOYMENT AND RANDOM DRUG TESTING.**



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(337)923-9914-Chairman's Office Fax
(337)923-4973-Administration
(337)923-4973-Information Systems
(337)923-7911-Finance Department
(337)923-6848-Admin.'s Fax

*Chitimacha Employee Comprehensive
Health Plan-230 Chitimacha Loop
(337)923-4343-Cechp
(337)923-4347-Cechp's Fax

*Chitimacha Cultural Department
105 Houma Drive
(337)923-9923

*Chitimacha Development
3221 Chitimacha Trail
(337)923-4000
(337)923-7955-Fax

*Chitimacha Fire Department
215 Coushatta Drive
(337)923-4326
(337)923-7725-Fax

*Chitimacha Gaming Commission
832 Martin Luther King Drive
(337)923-9119
(337)923-6139-Fax

*Chitimacha Health Clinic
3231 Chitimacha Trail
(337)923-9955
(337)923-7791-Fax

*Chitimacha Housing Authority
3221 Chitimacha Trail
(337)923-9125

*Chitimacha Human Resources
105 Houma Drive
(337)923-7775
(337)924-9420-Fax

*Chitimacha Human Services
3287 Chitimacha Trail
(337)923-7000
(337)923-2475-Fax

*Chitimacha Police Department
211 Coushatta Drive
(337)923-4964
(337)923-0514-Fax

*Chitimacha Public Works
223 Chitimacha Loop
(337)923-9126
(337)923-7586-Fax

*Chitimacha Recreation Department
312 Chitimacha Loop
(337)923-4975
(337)923-7555-Fax

*Chitimacha Rivercane Center
428 Chitimacha Loop
(337)923-4114

*Chitimacha Scholarship/Enroll. Dept.
3291 Chitimacha Trail
(337)923-2463

*Chitimacha Trading Post
116 Chitimacha Loop
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*Chitimacha Tribal Courts
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(337)923-7889-Fax

*Chitimacha Tribal Museum
3289 Chitimacha Trail
(337)923-4830

*Chitimacha Tribal School
3613 Chitimacha Trail
(337)923-9960
(337)923-7346-Fax

*Chitimacha WIA/Inter Tribal Council Office
428 Chitimacha Loop-Suite 101
(337)923-7278
(337)923-2470-Fax

*Chitimacha Child Development Center/
Yaamahana-410 Seminole Drive
(337)923-0100
(337)923-0110-Fax



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year From Chitimacha Outreach and Fellowship

This is the time of year we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus. Unfortunately so many times everything except Jesus is celebrated at this time of year.

Why do we celebrate the birth of our Lord? John 3:16 tells us why **“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”** God left Heaven came to earth to give us the free gift of eternal life. All we have to do is accept that free gift. Jesus came two thousand years ago as the Lamb of God, to be slain for the remission of our sins. **Rev 5:9** “And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,”

The devil has been busy spreading a lie ever since by making people believe there are many ways to get to Heaven. But our Lord Jesus Himself tells us the truth. **John 14:6** Jesus said to him, **“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”** and the Apostle Paul tells us in **1Timothy 2:5** “For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus,”. As we celebrate this year, let us reflect on the real reason Jesus was born. And I urge you, admit that you are a sinner, ask the Lord Jesus to be Lord of your life. He will cleanse you from all unrighteousness. **1John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The reason we must act now is because He is coming again. This time as the Lion of the tribe of Judah to rule with a rod of iron. **Rev 5:5** But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.” **Rev 2:27 ‘HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON; THEY SHALL BE DASHED TO PIECES LIKE THE POTTER’S VESSELS’— as I also have received from My Father;** Besides that, we do not know when our lives will be required of us.

If you have any questions you can call me anytime at 337-578-1249. I promise you, I will give you Word from the Word. God Bless You All, we love each and every one of you.

Pastor
Orien A. Butaud

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

ATTENTION!!

Tribal members, if you haven't already sent in your email address, please do so. This helps cut the cost of postage for mail outs and announcements from the Tribe. You also receive your information in a more timely manner. Please contact the Administrative Office with your information or of any changes.



Call Kitty @ (337)923-4973 to place an Ad or Email to:
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